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## News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau,  
The Times-Dispatch,  
309 Hull Street,  
Phone Madison 116.

Although the jury believed that the accused had fired the first shot, Clement L. Smith, on trial before Judge R. G. Smith yesterday in the Chesterfield Circuit Court for the murder of Joseph Walker, was acquitted.

Smith, through his attorney, Samuel W. Zimmer, used self-defense in justification of the killing. Evidence showed that Walker was known to be a man of violent temper and had been convicted of shooting at a man, was introduced, and the jury after viewing the scene of the killing came to the conclusion that Smith had reasonable cause to think himself in imminent danger, and therefore was justified in protecting himself. Commonwealth's Attorney Hawkins Hobson conducted the prosecution.

The trouble between the men arose over a stray calf, which Smith picked up and which was claimed by Walker. Several shots were exchanged and Smith was badly wounded.

**Shots at Peeking Tom.**  
Alarmed by the noise of some one trying to get the back door, Mrs. William J. T. Willard, wife of John Willard, of East Twelfth Street, early yesterday morning shot at a man, who was seen to be peeking through the window and blowing away with a stick. Whether he hit him or the moon is not known, but when Mr. Willard reached home from his work, he found the man could be found.

Mrs. Willard, who was at home with her small children, heard some one rattle the back door and heard his footsteps as he went to the front of the house and stopped at the porch. Frightened by this time she got the pistol from another room and returned just in time to see a man peeking through the window, and the next minute heard him turn the handle and enter the house. She ran to the window and threw it open, and with out asking his identity fired once. The man, who she thinks was a negro, made off up the street.

**Rats Caused a Fire.**  
Fire, thought to have had its origin in a stray match and a rat, was discovered between the floor and the rafters of a frame house in the rear of 412 Coward Street, early yesterday morning.

The house was owned by E. Shell and was occupied by Nancy Mosby, colored. It is valued at \$1,000 and was uninsured. The damage was about \$50.

**Upholding Contested Will.**  
Upholding the validity of the will of John L. Webster, which was being contested in the Hustings Court, Part 2, for the past two days, the jury yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The plaintiff, Gertrude O. Eames, a daughter, together with four other children who were cut out of the father's will, entered suit against Edward W. Webster, the sole beneficiary. An effort was made to prove that the will was invalid, and that undue influence had been exerted by the defendant. About \$2,500 was involved.

**A. C. L. Building New Branch.**  
Work on the roadbed of a new connecting link between the main line and the Her Line Bridge has been started by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The present line over which all through freight and passenger trains pass, connects with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. It has some bad grades which will be cut out on the new line, which will hit the main line near Falling Creek, several miles below Clifton. A franchise has been granted for the line, and the survey made at that time.

**Big Property Sale.**  
One of the best manufacturing sites on the Southside was purchased yesterday by R. L. Barnes from Sam G. Meredith for \$2,000. The lot, located between Second and Third Streets, has a frontage of 20 feet on Hull and a depth of 150 feet. It is directly on a spur track of the Southern Railway, and is within easy hauling distance of all freight depots.

**Personal Mention.**  
Miss Odell Baker, who recently underwent an operation at the Memorial Hospital, has been removed to her home, and is improving.

W. J. Morrisette, who has been attending the Virginia Funeral Directors' Association at Norfolk, has returned home.

Misses Mary Brooks and Violet Pettigrew are the guests of Mrs. T. H. Martin.

**Statement in Reference to the Harvester Trust.**  
"I was in 1907 one of the attorneys in the Department of Justice, and had made an investigation of charges against the International Harvester Company. Mr. Hillier's statement in part says:

"It shows conclusively that President Roosevelt compelled his Attorney-General to discontinue the Harvester prosecution in the fall of 1907, eighteen months prior to the Colonel's retirement from office. President Roosevelt's term expired two years after the matter had been placed in the hands of the prosecuting officer. It is quite apparent from this statement that civil and criminal proceedings were about to begin; that about a year and a half before President Roosevelt went out of office George W. Perkins took a hand in matters, and thereafter the whole matter was suppressed, stifled, strangled, or put through some other process which, by whatever name you call it, I have no doubt was satisfactory to the Harvester trust. If anybody was responsible for this besides President Roosevelt and officials acting directly under his instructions it does not appear from the record."

It is predicted to-night by delegates that Dr. Shepard's election will take place when the fourth ballot, taken to-night, is counted.

**CRASHES THROUGH CAR**  
Block of Terra Cotta Falls From Building, Fatally Injuring Woman.  
New York, May 17.—A solid block of terra cotta coping fell from a building today near the roof of a twenty-five-story hotel structure at Broadway and Thirty-fourth Street today and killed a woman, whose identity is unknown, who was struck by a fragment of the block and crushed by the falling mass. Several other persons were struck by splinters that were dashed inside the car from the force of the impact, but they were not seriously hurt.

The foreman in charge of operations on the upper stories was arrested on a charge of criminal negligence.

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## DUFF-GORDONS MAY REFUTE STORY

Believed They Will Enter Denial of Tale Told by Fireman.

London, May 17.—Lord Mersey, the president of the Board of Trade commission, his five assessors and an array of Great Britain's most brilliant attorneys, with an audience of fashionably dressed women looking on, spent the greater part of to-day during the sitting of the court of inquiry into the Titanic disaster in probing the statement of Charles Hendrickson, one of the surviving firemen. He had said that Sir Cosmo and Lady Duff-Gordon, who were two of the five passengers in a partly filled lifeboat, had protested against returning to the scene of the disaster to try to rescue some of those struggling in the water. They are expected to deny the story.

After a preliminary bout of sparring between counsel and the judge as to the order in which the evidence should be taken, it was decided to let the members of the crew who were in the much-discussed boat tell their stories first, while the testimony of Sir Cosmo and Lady Duff-Gordon would be taken later.

**Firemen Called to Stand.**  
Sir Cosmo and Lady Duff-Gordon were both in court with their legal advisers, Charles Hendrickson, whose cross-examination had been postponed until to-day at the request of Sir Robert Finlay, counsel for the White Star Line, was called to the stand. Sir Robert Finlay was not present, and his colleagues put only a few unimportant questions.

The witness was then taken in hand by Henry K. Duke, M. P., counsel for the Duff-Gordons. Hendrickson stuck to his evidence, and although he could not specify when he first made the statement discrediting the Duff-Gordons, Sir Rufus Isaacs, the attorney-general, was able to prompt him from depositions taken at the time of the arrival of the crew in England. In the witness' own words, "the boat was lowered she was so soaked she was unable to protest. Hendrickson admitted she was ill, but said she was able to converse with her husband."

**Expected to Deny Story.**  
Mr. Duke's examination indicated the case for the Duff-Gordons would be an absolute denial of the story, and that they would support this with the evidence of the other members of the crew who were in the lifeboat.

Mr. Duke suggested that Lady Duff-Gordon refused to go into the boat without her husband, and after the boat was lowered she was so soaked she was unable to protest. Hendrickson admitted she was ill, but said she was able to converse with her husband. Mr. Duke also suggested that Hendrickson was the first to hint at a reward for the crew of the boat, and produced a document in Hendrickson's handwriting giving the names of the crew which he had handed to Duff-Gordon to enable him to make out checks of the value of \$25 for each of them.

**SERIOUS HITCH SOMEWHERE**  
Federal Forces Stop Work of Closing Hymella Cravasse.

New Orleans, May 17.—After elaborate preparations had been made to close the Hymella cravasse, thirty-five miles above New Orleans, on the west side of the Mississippi River, the forces of the Federal government suddenly stopped work, and Captain C. O. Sherrill, chief of the United States engineers, returned to New Orleans.

Notwithstanding that the plan to close the cravasse, which threatens the destruction of upwards of \$20,000,000 worth of property, has been approved by all of the State, Federal and civil engineers of the railroads on the ground, and the Mississippi River commission has adopted a resolution favoring the appropriation of \$100,000 for one-half of the expenses, there is a serious hitch somewhere.

It is rumored that the chief of engineers in Washington has not yet approved the project, which would have the effect of voiding the action of the Mississippi River commission. Sherrill went to his home as soon as he returned to the city to-night and declined to receive interviews.

Material for the work is already on the scene, and the Louisiana Fourche Levee Board, railroads and property owners interested have agreed to advance a sum equal to the cost of the Mississippi River Commission, or even a quarter of a million dollars if necessary. Captain Sherrill had been charged with the duty of all interested to take charge of the work.

The Mississippi River was reported falling at all places south of Baton Rouge and all levees holding to-day.

**ARMOUR & CO. INDICTED**  
Charged With Having Evaded Federal Inspection Laws.

Chicago, May 17.—Armour & Co. was indicted by the Federal grand jury to-day for having evaded Federal inspection laws for interstate shipment of meats without inspection by government agents.

The indictment, in four counts, charges that the company, on or about March 13 shipped forty cases to South Bend, Ind., without the meat being inspected and stamped under Federal laws and in violation of the Federal meat inspection regulations. The maximum penalty for such violations as are charged is imprisonment for two years, a fine of \$10,000, or both.

A similar indictment was returned against Fred Oppenheimer, a commission merchant, who is charged with having shipped uninspected meat to the branch plant of Armour & Co. in Davenport, Ia., last March.

**FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL ROOM**  
Man Registering From North Carolina Ends Life in New York.

New York, May 17.—The body of a man who registered at the Broadway Central Hotel as Hugo Neils, of Castle Hayne, N. C., was found in his room to-day with a bullet in the forehead.

Resides between \$1,100 and \$1,200 in cash, there was on the body several letters of introduction to prominent persons in this city. One of the letters was signed Hugh McRae & Co., of Wilmington, N. C., and was an introduction to Arthur J. Garden City, L. I. The letter spoke of Neils as being a "well engineer and landscape architect and artist."

**WELSH DISCREDITED BILL PASSED.**  
London, May 17.—The Welsh disestablishment bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons last night by a vote of 245 to 267.

**THE LAX-FOE WAY.**  
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# Competition

is a worn-out fallacy of an old and obsolescent political economy. The full significance of this fact is not yet widely realized perhaps, but the Era of Co-operation has dawned. For thousands of years the world has tried competition, and has found it a dismal and wasteful failure. The human race is ready for something better.

That something better is Co-operation. Co-operation is the watch-word of the time. No great work, no great business, no great movement for the amelioration of suffering, for the betterment of any community, can be carried on without co-operation.

Competition sacrifices, wastes, destroys, kills. Co-operation saves all, helps all, builds up for all.

Just as surely as International Arbitration must and will eventually take the place of war, Co-operation must and will eventually supersede competition, which in the final analysis is nothing but commercial warfare—and warfare, by the way, in which the non-combatants, the public, always suffer the most in the long run.

You may think it is a far cry to that time. But a beginning has been made. In the field of public utilities it is now almost universally acknowledged that competition is criminally wasteful, disastrous, ruinous.

"Competition as a guarantor of good service and a regulator of rates has failed," says Prof. B. H. Meyer, formerly Chairman of the Wisconsin State Railway Commission, and now a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Every Public Service Commission in the country agrees on that, and to the same effect is the unbiased testimony of every competent authority who has had any experience of competition.

The very term "Public Utility" in a way implies co-operation—it is a thing of mutual benefit—and the public utility company that recognizes, as this company does, that it is a SERVANT of the public, is bound to provide good service at fair and equitable rates, knowing that the people (through whatever designated governmental agencies) have full powers of regulation.

In its report on the matter of a competitive light and power franchise, submitted on Thursday evening, after studying the subject carefully for six months, the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Streets of the City Council wisely says:

"The experience of our own city, as well as of many others brought to the attention of your sub-committee, shows that such competition inevitably results in the duplication of expenditure, in ultimate merger, and consequent burden permanently saddled upon the community."

That is the big, vital, important fact. There is not, and there cannot be, in Richmond enough electric light and power business to support two lighting companies, with their duplication of power stations, distribution systems of pole lines and underground conduits, and all sorts of equipment.

If a competing company is permitted to enter this field, sooner or later one company must absorb the other. By the working of a natural law, which cannot be changed, a merger, combination, consolidation of the two will be inevitable. But YOU, THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND, will have to "pay the freight" on that new company.

Think on these things—and read the next "Service Talk" in to-morrow's paper.

## Virginia Railway and Power Company,

William Northrop, President.

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## RICHESON RAVES AND MOANS IN CELL

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said Mr. Morse, "I shall take no further steps."

After Mr. Johnson and Attorney Morse had departed, the chief of engineers remained with the condemned man.

While Warden Bridges may order the execution any time after midnight on Sunday, the law providing that it shall take place between midnight and sunrise, it is believed that it will be held immediately after midnight Tuesday morning, when the condemned man, who is believed to be the son of a Virginia family, will be taken to the gallows.

**BODIES IN FEED BOX**

Boys Who Disappear From Home Perish In Stable in Charge of Father.

Cincinnati, O., May 17.—The country-wide search for Robert and William Nichols, brothers, aged, respectively, six and four years, who mysteriously disappeared April 29, when they came to an end to-day, when their bodies were found in a stable near their home here.

The bodies were found in a feed box in the stables of which their father was in charge. It is believed the little victims were playing around the stable, fell into the feed box head first, and, sinking in the feed, perished.

Their bodies were found by their father, who made the discovery while doing his usual duties around the place.

There had been wild rumors that the children had been kidnapped, and detectives ran down clues that led to different places, but the bodies were found in the feed box of the place.

A rumor had reached the police that the children had been kidnapped by Hungarians who had gone from this city to Michigan. Detectives were sent to Michigan and visited best districts in several counties of that State.

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found fault with her. She further declares he has ceased to love her or to have any affection for her, and that he has neglected her in times of sickness.

Mrs. Lambert further declares her husband has treated her with indifference and contempt; that he has continually become enraged at her without cause, and has absented himself from home for long periods of time in different parts of the country, just to be away from her and their home.

Lambert has abandoned and deserted his wife, she alleges.

**HARVESTER COMPANY SUE**  
Said to Have Violated Kentucky Anti-Trust Law.

Cynthiana, Ky., May 17.—State Attorney Dedman filed suits to-day against the International Harvester Company in four counties, comprising the Eighteenth Judicial District, alleging that the company operated in these counties in violation of the Kentucky anti-trust law. Five thousand dollars and costs are asked in each case.

**HOUSEHOLD IN A PANIC**

Stranger Who Tried to See Mrs. Golet Believed to Be Harmless Crank.

New York, May 17.—The police were called early to-day to the Fifth Avenue mansion of Robert Golet, where the household had been put into a state of bordering on panic by the repeated visits of a tall, thin man of foreign appearance, who demanded to see Mrs. Golet, declaring that he had an important message for her.

On being told that Mrs. Golet did not wish to see him he had remained loitering in front of the house. The same performance had been repeated for several nights, the servants declared, and they feared serious trouble from the man.

The police found the man standing at the street corner. He declined to explain his mission, and the police, who dubbed him a "harmless crank," refused to arrest him unless Mrs. Golet would appear as complainant.

**Standing By Stranded Vessel.**  
Atlantic City, May 17.—The revenue cutter Itasca and the collier Lebanon, sent to the aid of the stranded submarine Tuna, are lying close to the little craft to-night, ready to pull the Tuna into deep water at the next high tide.

The Tuna is standing the pounding of the waves well, and according to the life-savers is intact. Captain Danneberg and four of the crew remain on board.

An effort will be made at daylight to-morrow to release the Tuna.

**Roosevelt in Snuhup.**  
Chillicothe, O., May 17.—As he was being pressed by the Chillicothe to-day the automobile in which Colonel Roosevelt was riding collided with another car at a corner. Quick action of the driver of the other car avoided a dangerous smashup, but as it was the lamps and fenders were broken and Colonel Roosevelt was transferred to another machine.

**Sixty Americans Meet Pope.**  
Rome, May 17.—The Pope received to-day in private audience Bishop A. Jones, of Porto Rico, who, accompanied by Mr. Thomas F. Kennedy, rector of the American College in Rome, introduced a group of sixty Americans. The Pontiff imparted to all the apostolic benediction.

**Will Press Tariff Bills.**  
Washington, May 17.—Democratic Senators at a caucus to-night decided to press passage of all the pending tariff bills before the adjournment of Congress. No action was taken as to adjournment. Resolutions were adopted to provide for successive votes on the various tariff measures.

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## PERMANENT FUND TO AID STUDENT

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agencies of the church in furthering the work of the church during the year ending March 1, 1913, according to figures presented in the report of the executive committee. The report of the committee on evangelistic work placed the approximate total of members in the church at 1,370,000, the annual rate of increase being computed at about 1.3 per cent.

**Emperor Greets Panama Commission.**  
Vienna, May 17.—Emperor Francis Joseph to-day received in audience the Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission, headed by John Hays Hammond. The Emperor greeted the members of the committee cordially.

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